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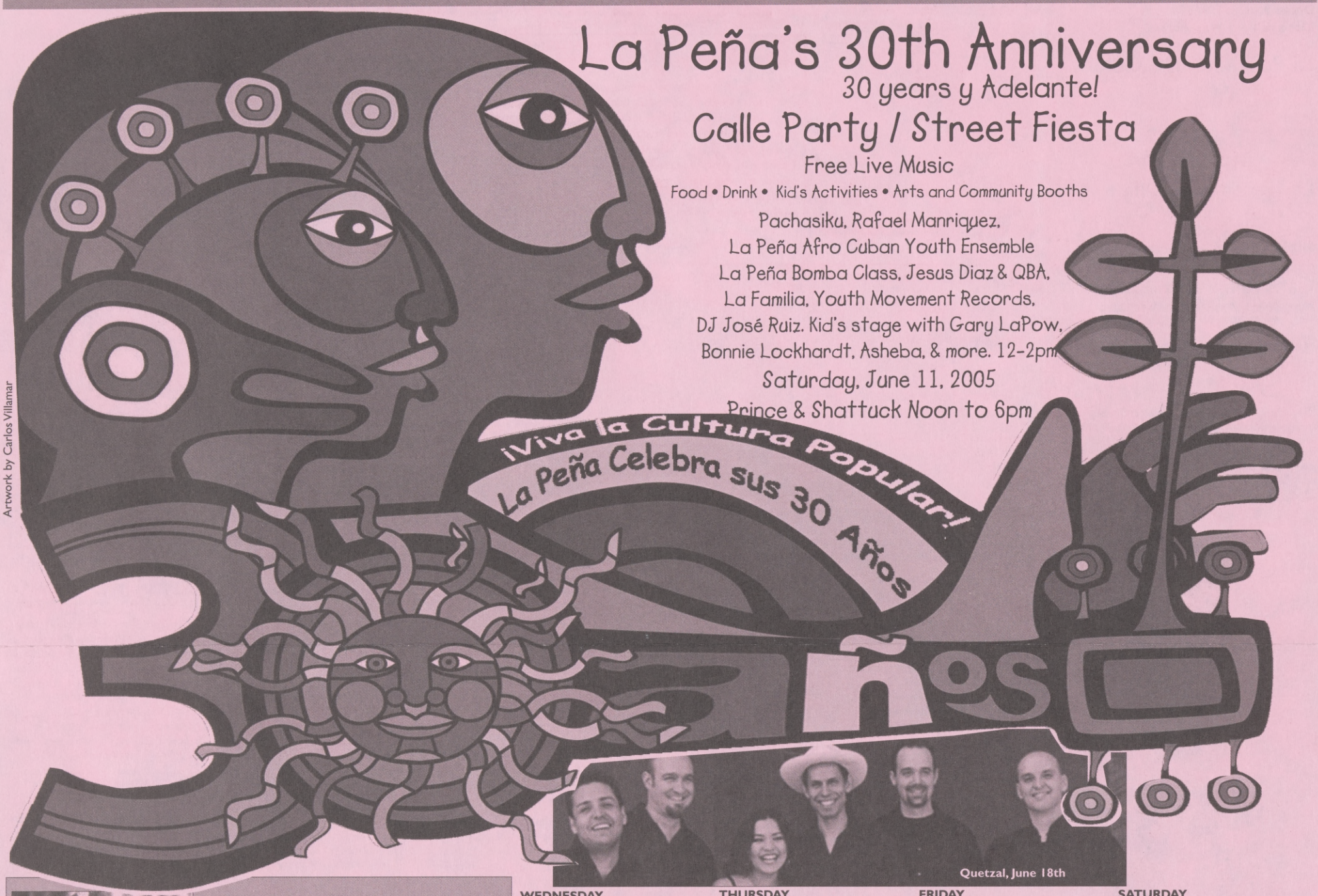

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La Peña's 30th Anniversary

30 years y Adelante!

Calle Party / Street Fiesta

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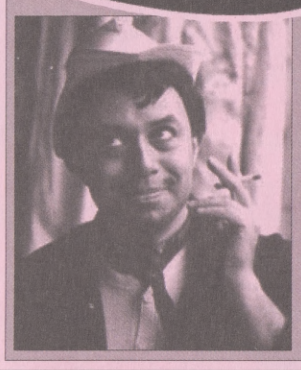
Pachasiku, Rafael Manriquez,
La Peña Afro Cuban Youth Ensemble
La Peña Bomba Class, Jesus Diaz & QBA,
La Familia, Youth Movement Records,
DJ José Ruiz. Kid's stage with Gary LaPow,
Bonnie Lockhardt, Asheba, & more. 12-2pm

Saturday, June 11, 2005

Prince & Shattuck Noon to 6pm

Quetzal, June 18th



La Peña's 30th Anniversary Presents

CANTINFLAS!

Celebrated bilingual play written & performed by Culture Clash's Herbert Sigüenza

June 10th and 11th, 8pm

Lalo Izquierdo 6/3

Orquesta D'Soul 6/25

Pachasiku 6/25

Hugo Chavez. Bolivarian Revolution of Venezuela. Films Series. 6/9
Also see May 11

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN **GOT SOUNDS?** ENJOY WORKING EVENINGS? LA PEÑA IS LOOKING FOR BACK UP SOUND TECHS TO DO OCCASIONAL SOUND. SEND RESUMES TO PCHIN@LAPENA.ORG & TO OSCAR@LAPENA.ORG	**2** A CAPPELLA NIGHT *2nd Annual a cappella night at La Peña* ***Ro Sham Bo*** celebrates their CD Release with ***The Irrationals*** Come celebrate the release of ***Ro Sham Bo***'s first CD! A dynamic sextet from Oakland, ***Ro Sham Bo*** features innovative arrangements from the likes of Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, & Sting. ***The Irrationals*** will be joining in to contribute their unique brand of soulful a cappella, guaranteeing an eclectic night of music. **7:30pm $5 youth & seniors, $10 gen. For more info: 415-673-3446**	**3** CONCERT **Afro-Peruvian Music and Dance** Lalo Izquierdo, members of Rompe y Raja and their students will perform a full range of Afro-Peruvian rhythms and dances in a final recital from their recent intensive workshops at La Peña. **8:30pm $10**	**4** **Superfest XXV JUNE 4 & 5** Works about disability unlike most you've ever seen. Irreverant, hilarious, shocking, informative. Many in first person voices, by film makers with disabilities. Call Corp. on Disabilities & Telecommunication 510-845-5576 for info. **1-5pm $5-$20*** **Concert with Los Mapaches** Come and join the Latin American youth's ensemble for a musical journey throughout the Americas & beyond. The youth ensemble is the advance section of *The Mapaches*. Special guests include the Andean group Pachasiku. **8pm $8 / $4 Kids**
SUNDAY			
5 FILM FESTIVAL **Superfest XXV International Disability Film Festival** Screening of winners, reception & award event. Disclaimer: These are not "how to tie your shoes if you only have one arm" videos. La Peña is wheelchair accessible. For schedule & access accommodations: 510-845-5576. **Films: 1-5pm, $5-$20* Evening Reception with film makers: 6-7pm, Free. Awards Event: 7-9pm.** Please refrain from wearing perfume or other scented products	**8** *Cafe Poetry hosted by Kira Allen* *7:30pm Donation* CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING **WWW.LAPENA.ORG** **CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO** **Now open for breakfast & lunch** OPEN FROM 9AM	**9** FILM BENEFIT ***The Bolivarian Revolution of Venezuela Film Series*** ***Venezuela Bolivariana: People and Struggle of the Fourth World War*** (Dir. Marcelo Andrade, 76m. Spanish/English subtitles) ***Chávez, Venezuela & the New Latin America / Chávez: Un hombre que anda por ahí (***Aleida Guevara. Spanish/ English subtitles 60m.) A scholarship fund-raiser for The 16th World Festival of Students & Youth in Caracas, Venezuela in Aug. 05. **7:30pm $10 min. don.***	**10** SOLO PERFORMANCE **CANTINFLAS!** Celebrated bilingual play written & performed by Culture Clash's Herbert Sigüenza A tribute to comedian & movie actor, Mario Moreno, ***Cantinflas!*** captures the fusion of the comic's clever word play and illustrates the depth and genius of one of Mexico's most charismatic figures. Herbert Sigüenza returns to La Peña to celebrate its 30th Anniversary. **TWO DAYS** **8pm $16 adv. $18 dr.**	**11** 1975 • Viva La Peña • 2005 ***La Peña Day in Berkeley!*** ***La Peña's 30th Anniversary Street Festival*** **Noon - 6pm Prince & Shattuck** Herbert Sigüenza's **CANTINFLAS!** "...captured the dreams & frustrations of the working-class everyman, the humble shoeshine boy who stood up to corrupt politicians... (The play is) the fusion of the comic's clever word play and illustrates the depth and genius of one of Mexico's most charismatic figures." *LA Times.* **8pm $16 adv. $18 dr.**
12 BENEFIT **East Bay Community Mediation Music & Comedy Night** An evening of music and comedy to raise awareness and funds for conflict resolution services and projects and its trained volunteer mediators offer to the communities of Oakland, Berkeley and surrounding areas. Come out and have fun while supporting peace making in you own neighborhoods. **7:30pm $15-$25 sliding scale***	**15** Cafe Poetry hosted by Paradise 7:30pm Donation **LA PEÑA FOR RENT** Weekdays $200 for a four hour period. Events supporting non-profit preferred. (510) 849-2568 ext. 11 or ext. 17. or **http://www.lapena.org/Info/Rentals.html**	**16** MODERN DANCE Destiny Arts Center presents DREAM Dance Company in **Dig Us Now: New Cycles of Groove** Artistic Director: Naomi Bragin. Starring: Naomi Bragin, Sasha Dobos-Czarnocha, Yolanda Lewis, Rashidi Omari **8pm $8 adv. $10-20 dr.** Reception & Dance Party 9:30 PM For more information: 510-597-1619 x110 www.destinyarts.org/dream	**17** CONCERT **La Peña Community Chorus Celebrates la Peña's 30th Anniversary** A concert of retrospection and vision. Join us for some of our favorite songs from the last 25 years as well as the most recent additions to our ever growing repertoire of music that celebrates justice, peace, unity and hope. Feliz Aniversario, La Peña! **8pm $10-$15**	**18** CONCERT / DANCE **Quetzal** *Celebrate La Peña's 30th Anniversary* The leading Chicano band from L A return to Berkeley with their high quality songs, upbeat ryhthms and powerful lyrics. Quetzal embodies the soul and the struggle at the heart of the Mexican-American legacy. Their mix of Mexican, Cuban, Latin American rhythms, jazz, and rock is supercharged by the dynamic vocals. **9pm $10 gen. $7 students w/ID**
19 DOMINGO DE RUMBA **Domingo de Rumba @ the Café** Join Los Gatos de la Peña in percussion, dance and song in a Rumba in La Peña's café! **3:30pm Free**	**22** CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING **WWW.LAPENA.ORG** **CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO** **Now open for breakfast & lunch** OPEN FROM 9AM	**23** LATINO FILM FESTIVAL 9th International Latino Film Festival **Step Forward** Dir. Elia Schneider. Venezuela, Colombia, Spain, Chile, Uruguay, 2000. 105m. Spanish w/Subtitles. On the dangerous border between Venezuela & Colombia, Cheito, a Venezuelan petty criminal, and Pedro, a Colombian army recruit, are reluctant soldiers caught in the crossfire of a little known battle. These two likeable men come to depend on each other & join forces. **7:30pm $8**	**24** FLAMENCO La Nina Productions and The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership present A very special evening of **FLAMENCO** music and dance featuring GUEST ARTISTS from SPAIN Check the website for updates! www.laninaflamenco.com **$18 adv. $20 door**	**25** MUJERES SERIES • BAILE **Marina Garza & Orquesta D'Soul** (jazz, salsa, hip hop fusion) with **Montuno Groove** (salsa, jazz Latina); ***Orquesta D'Soul*** is a band that prides itself on delivering both original high-energy dance music and pop. ***Montuno Groove*** is an 11-piece orchestra that combines Latin jazz, Puerto Rican/Cuban salsa & son. **8:30pm**: conversation with artists 9:30pm: Dance! **$12 adv. $14 dr.**
26 ANDEAN MUSIC CONCERT **PachaSiku** (Panpipes of the Earth) is an ensemble presenting the varied traditional music of Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and northern Chile. Playing an exciting array of panpipes, flutes and drums they draw their audiences into the rhythms of Andean life. Dancing to ancient rhythms & singing in Spanish and Quechua, PachaSiku shares songs of community: ceremonies, planting and harvesting cycles, loves and losses. **7:30pm $10**	**29** PROGRAM TBA WWW.LAPENA.ORG	**30** PROGRAM TBA WWW.LAPENA.ORG		

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La Peña Calendar of Events • May • 2005

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Eisa Davis 5/7-8

Destiny Arts Youth Performance 5/21

Cristo Cortés 5/6

Mochi Parra & Carlos Ayres 5/19

Maria Elena Fernandez 5/5

DJ Hydro every Friday @ Cafe Valparaiso

Ro-4 Records 5/21

Dr. Loco 5/14

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Domingo de Rumba 3:30pm **Domingo de Rumba** Community participatory event The Afro-Cuban folkloric drums, dances, and songs of rumba. Rumba is the word used for a group of related, community-oriented, musical and dance styles in Cuba. Rumba developed in rural Cuba, with strong influences from African drumming and Spanish poetry and singing. **3:30pm Free** @ Café lobby	**4** PROGRAM TBA **Volunteer Opportunities** For 30 years, La Peña has counted on volunteers. We need volunteers to help staff our programs, do grassroots publicity, participate in fundraising activities, bulk mailings, and much more. **Call Mariola Fernández @ 510/849-2568 x13, or mariola@lapena.org**	**5** CINCO DE MAYO **Ancestral Body Navegantes** Straddling past and present, Los Angeles and Mexico City, a working class upbringing and an Ivy League education, always aware of moving through these worlds in a woman's body, Los Angeles artist ***María Elena Fernandez***, (known for her popular *Cha Cha Feminist* show) debuts her first spoken word performance accompanied by the raw and original sounds of musician Enzo Fina. **7:30pm $10 gen. $7 students w/ID**	**6** FLAMENCO Special Guest Artist! **Cristo Cortés** Gypsy Flamenco singer appearing with his cousin, **Joselito** and Iranian flamenco singer, **Pirouz Ebadypour** Also guitarist, **Ricardo Díaz** & dancers **Cristina Hall** & **Lolita Yebes.** **8pm $18 adv. $20 dr.** Brought to you by La Nina Productions and The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership	**7** Rosie & The Railroaders 10:30am La Peña Cuentos Series & Hip Hop Theater Festival: Bay Area **Eisa Davis, Angela's Mixtape** (work in progress) Playwright Eisa Davis returns to her hometown with a musical montage of growing up in & around Berkeley with activist Aunt Angela Davis. Do the Smurf in Grenada before the US invades. Do yoga to Whodini in your Calvin Klein jeans. Even red-diaper babies have to go to the prom. (2 days /see Sun.). **8pm $12** general **$8** students w/ID. (Theater Panel at noon. See box below)
8 CUENTOS THEATER SERIES La Peña Cuentos Series & Hip Hop Theater Festival: Bay Area **Eisa Davis, Angela's Mixtape** (work in progress) Post Show Conversation with: **Eisa** and **Angela Davis** Accomplished playwright Eisa Davis returns to her hometown with a musical montage of growing up in & around Berkeley with activist Aunt Angela Davis. Even red-diaper babies have to go to the prom. **8pm $12** general **$8** students w/ID.	**11** *Cafe Poetry hosted by Kira Allen 7:30pm Donation* ***MAY DAY IN CARACAS 2005*** A multi-media report back from this year's **May Day festivities in Caracas,** Venezuela featuring **Jonathan Nack**, Managing Editor of Epicenter News Service. Mr. Nack will update the progress of the Bolivarian revolution and assess the current situation in Venezuela, including threats from the U.S. government. **7:30pm $5-$15 Sliding Scale*** (No one turned away for lack of funds) Sponsored by Epicenter News Service. Info: (510) 465-9914	**12** PROGRAM TBA **"Doing it on the Road"** This meeting will provide info about opportunities for performing artists who are interested in touring, are ready and have the capacity to tour, or have already toured regionally.. A Guide For Touring Performing Artists Presented by the National Performance Network (NPN) & La Peña Cultural Center. Saturday, May 14, 11-12:30pm @ La Peña Admission: Free	**13** CONCERT Experimental jazz ***The Tiptons*** From Seattle, WA, The Tiptons are an all-female sax quartet with percussion. The group features Jessica Lurie & Amy Denio, original members and the lead composers of the internationally renowned Billy Tipton Memorial Saxophone Quartet (BTMSQ). They are joined by Tobi Stone & Tina Richerson, & percussionist Elizabeth Pupo Walker. All of the members share in composing and arranging - and their dynamic repertoire includes some fabulous singing as well! **8pm $15**	**14** !Kid's Show Season Finale! Colibri 10:30am ***El Club de Alumnos Chicano Latino de UCB y La Peña presentan The 3rd annual Pachucada.*** It's time to polish off those dancing shoes, bring out the 3 flores and dress up as your favorite pachuco. Featuring the always groovin' sounds of ***Dr. Loco Rockin' Jalapeño Band*** and this year's guest ***Fuga***. We will also honor Lalo Guerrero, the father of Chicano music who recently passed away. **9pm $10 gen. $7 w/costume**
15 Domingo de Rumba 3:30pm **ROCKIN' THE FOOD BANK** A benefit show for the Alameda Food Bank. Various different rock genre's such as punk, alternative, and ska will be displayed by two different bands, each bringing something different and unique to the stage. **Doors open at 3:45pm, with the show starts at 4 and ending at 5:30. Tickets are $6.*** Bring non-perishible food to donate to the food bank (soup, beans, tomato sauce, tuna, pastas).	**18** Cafe Poetry hosted by Paradise 7:30pm Donation **A Peace in Progress** Vocalist ***Valerie Troutt*** sings Nu-Jazz & Soulfusion originals in her debut performance. This blooming Bay Area born & NYC refined chanteuse already has acquired a diverse audience in the states & internationally alike. Also Appearing: dancer/choreographer ***Rashad Pridgen*** (Black Choreograhpers Festival 2005)& spoken word artist ***ButtaFlySoul*** (Russel Simons HBO Def Poetry Jam). **8pm $10***	**19** CONCERT ***AfroPeruvian Music Benefit Night*** With the virtuoso guitarist and song writer ***Carlos Ayres*** & vocalist ***Mochi Parra*** on tour from New York and ***Lalo Izquierdo*** performing Afro-Peruvian traditional percussion and dance. A benefit for APAN (Friends & Parents of Handicap Children). The proceeds will be used for the design & construction of a natural-ecological building that will home mentally challenged children of Pedregal in the city of Arequipa, Peru. **8pm $15 general**	**20** HIP HOP CONCERT La Peña and IHX present the **3rd Annual International Hip Hop Exchange Sin Fronteras** Celebrate the global influence of conscious grassroots Hip Hop with local and international MC's. Performing from Puerto Rico, **GodFader** and **Velcro.** Special guests representing the Bay Area. **9pm $10 gen. $8 students w/ID**	**21** MUJERES SERIES **Two Exciting Youth Ensembles** ***Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company*** presents excerpts from their original dance/theater production, *"Tomorrow is Today"*, which played to sold out houses in March. **Ro-4 Records** presents talented young Samoan artists from the Bay Area playing island style live R&B and Reggae music. Look out for their new cd! **7:30 pm, conversation w/artists** **8:30pm, Performance** **$10 adv. $12 dr.**
22 PEACE BENEFIT CONCERT Celebrate 25 Years of ***Nonviolence in Action*** with ***Peace Brigades International (PBI)***, featuring ***Kid Beyond*** & special guests. ***Kid Beyond*** (aka Andrew Chaikin), SF Weekly's Best Beatboxer of 2004, is a "fiercely charismatic and truly mesmerizing performer... armed with a powerful rock-soul singing voice and jaw-dropping skills." PBI sends human rights observers into areas of conflict to serve as "unarmed bodyguards." Benefit for PBI's work. **7:30pm $15-$25* suggested don.**	**25** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING **WWW.LAPENA.ORG** **CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO,** Now open for breakfast and lunch OPEN FROM 9AM	**26** LATINO FILM FESTIVAL 9th International Latino Film Festival presents, **"Oscar"** (Dir. Sergio Morkin. Argentina, 2000, 60m. Spanish w/Subtitles) In the crowded streets of Buenos Aires, taxi driver Oscar Brahim is constantly bombarded by street advertisements. The documentary portrays two years in Oscar's life and how he alters publicity posters, using collage & painting techniques in an act of rebellion against commercialism. **7:30pm $8**	**27** DANCE & SONG OniOsun Oddosun Oddosun Olorun present **"Obateleo"** Directed by Alexis Zayas Rosabal with the Coro de Niños de San Diego. The show features Alexis, former member of El Conjunto Folklorico Nacional de Cuba, Chris "Flaco" Walker, Sandy Perez, and Ernesto "Tito" Garcia among others. **8pm $15** See box below for scheduled workshops with Zayas	**28** CONCERT **Chile's Canto Nuevo** An evening of original songs w/ singer & songwriter **Jose Seves** and multi-instrumentalist **Elizabeth Morris** Former singer of the legendary ensemble *Inti-Illimani*, Seves' voice & songs are widely known & admired within the *Latin American New Song* movement. His songs have been recorded by renowned artists around the world. **8pm $12**
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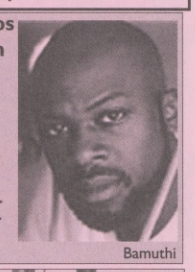
Amiguitos de La Peña Season's Finale

Rosie & The Railroaders
Sat. May 7 • 10:30am

Colibri, Sat. May 14 • 10:30am

Saturday, May 7 • Noon / Free La Peña's Cuentos Theater Series presents Hip-Hop Aesthetics in Theater & Perfomance Panel

What is a hip-hop aesthetic and what does it mean to establish and perform this aesthetic in fields like theater, poetry, dance, beyond the "four elements"? Panel discussion with : Traci Bartlow, Kamilah Forbes, Bamuthi Joseph, Javier Reyes. Moderated by Jeff Chang. This program is part of the Bay Area Hip Hop Theater Festival: Bay Area 2005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Elizabeth Morris & José Seves 5/28

The Tiptons 5/13

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Workshops with Alexis Zayas

Former member of El Conjunto Folklorico Nacional de Cuba at La Peña. Tuesday May24. 6 -7:30pm: AfroCuban Song (Yoruba, Arara). Wed. May 25 6 - 7:30pm: AfroCuban Song & Percussion (Yoruba, Congo)
$20/workshop(Also see 5/27)

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